

# ***FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** April 14, 2016

**Agenda Item:** 2016 Mountain Lion Quotas

**Division:** Wildlife

**Action Needed:** Proposed

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 30 Min

## **Background**

Hunting districts listed below have proposed changes from 2015 mountain lion quotas and subquotas. Additional documents with the justification for each proposal are in the Commission packets. All other quotas/subquotas not listed are proposed to be unchanged from 2015 levels. Quotas apply to "any legal lion" unless otherwise noted. Quota changes in HDs 350/370 are to increase opportunity, those in HD 380 are to address low mule deer numbers, and those in HDs 390/391 and 392 are needed because of recent boundary changes. Supporting material is found in the season justifications included in the Commission packet.

<b>Region 3</b>				
<b>Proposed Adjustments – 2016 Mountain Lion Quotas</b>				
<b>Hunting District</b>	<b>Current Quotas</b>		<b>Proposed Quotas</b>	
	<b>Total Quota</b>	<b>Female Subquota</b>	<b>Total Quota</b>	<b>Female Subquota</b>
350/370	3	1	4	1
380	6	2	10	4
390/391	8	4	10	5
392	5	2	3	1

## **Public Involvement Process & Results**

Proposals have been vetted at regional sportsmen's and houndsmen's meetings and with individuals as mentioned in the individual justifications. Overall, there is general agreement and/or comfort with the proposals although some individuals are opposed. Formal public comment will be taken at this meeting and continue through 5 p.m., May 20. Any final adoption will take place at the Commission meeting in June.

## **Alternatives and Analysis**

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, or no change from 2015 as per staff justifications, public comment and Commission discussion.

## **Agency Recommendation & Rationale**

FWP recommends approval of proposed quota adjustments with no changes in other hunting districts. Rationale includes mountain lion population management accommodating human tolerance, safety, prey populations and hunter opportunity.

## **Proposed Motion**

I move to approve for public comment the proposed 2016 lion quotas/subquotas as presented by FWP.